



Washington State Department of Early Learning

# ECEAP

## Reminders and Links

### December 2015

#### DEL Helps You Find Eligible Children – FORMS DUE FEBR. 1

Annually, DEL provides interested ECEAP contractors with the names and addresses of DSHS client families with children who may be eligible for ECEAP. If you want to receive this family contact information:

- Complete and send the [Request for Confidential Client Information](#) form to DEL by February 1.
- Send DEL a signed [nondisclosure form](#) for each person who will have access to this confidential information.

#### Early Achievers Clarification

Data collection visits for the current Early Achievers cohort will occur between November 16, 2015 and February 29, 2016 for ECEAP sites with an approved Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation. Please disregard the auto- email response from MERIT that had wrong dates. For assistance with Early Achievers, please contact Minnette Mason, QRIS Integration Specialist at (360) 725-2839 or [minnette.mason@del.wa.gov](mailto:minnette.mason@del.wa.gov).

#### DEL ECEAP Staff Changes

Kelcy Shaffer – Please join us in welcoming Kelcy Shaffer, our new ECEAP Program Assistant! Kelcy comes to us from Evergreen State College where she was the Prospect Research Coordinator. She has a diverse work history which will come in handy in this new ECEAP position! Kelcy will help monitor deliverables, provide logistical support, and support special projects related to monitoring and technical assistance work of the Pre-K Specialists. We are thrilled Kelcy accepted this position and hope you get a chance to meet her soon.

#### ECEAP Administrator

DEL is looking for a dynamic individual to join our team as the ECEAP Administrator. This position is responsible for leading implementation of ECEAP and setting DEL's vision related to high-quality state-funded pre-kindergarten as we work to serve all eligible children whose families choose to participate by fall 2020. You can view the job description at <http://del.wa.gov/about/jobs.aspx>.

### Important Dates

**By December 15:** For classes starting in January, enroll children in classes in ELMS for all funded slots.

**Within 90 days from class start date:** Complete health, developmental, well-child exams, and dental screenings and ensure these are recorded in ELMS.

**Within six months of GOLD® training or the beginning of the school year:** Lead teachers must take the Teaching Strategies GOLD® reliability test.

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## ELMS Update

- ELMS Support – If you experience a difficulty with ELMS or have suggestions for enhancing ELMS, please email [elms@del.wa.gov](mailto:elms@del.wa.gov).
- ELMS Data Entry – Please remember to keep your ELMS data up-to-date. DEL frequently reports the information in ELMS to the Governor’s Office, legislators, and researchers.
  - See [ELMS Data Entry – Minimum Requirements](#).
  - Enter children’s “actual start date” in ELMS once they have attended in person. This ensures they are included in the next day’s upload to GOLD and is a requirement for your monthly report and payment.
  - By the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month, make sure ELMS is accurate with Child/Family Updates including medical and dental status, health screening, child development, and family pages.

## Teaching Strategies GOLD™

- GOLD™ Support – Contact [del.wa@teachingstrategies.com](mailto:del.wa@teachingstrategies.com) with all GOLD issues or requests for additional portfolios.
  - You may cc [elms@del.wa.gov](mailto:elms@del.wa.gov) if you choose.
  - Send each issue once only. Teaching Strategies will respond when the fix is ready.
  - Include details in your email such as name of the site, class, teacher and/or child ID. For example, send the ELMS ID numbers for children who are missing from GOLD™, instead of just writing that children are missing.
  - Teaching Strategies has increased their staffing in order to respond more quickly.
  - Duplicate children are cleaned from GOLD weekly.
- NEW - For all lead teachers, enter an email address on their ELMS “Edit Staff” page in the Contact Information section “Email- Office” field. Teaching Strategies uses this email to contact teachers when necessary.
- Interrater Reliability (IRR)
  - Lead teachers must take the Teaching Strategies GOLD™ reliability test within six months of their Teaching Strategies GOLD™ Online training or within six months of the beginning of the school year.
  - ECEAP Contractors must ensure lead teachers maintain reliability certification.
  - All GOLD™ users have access to Interrater Reliability (IRR). It is no longer necessary for administrators to set this up.
- ELMS to GOLD™ data feed – Changes entered in ELMS are now in GOLD by 8:00 a.m. the next morning. Please remember to:
  - Make all corrections to child, class, teacher, and site records in ELMS (not in GOLD).
  - Report discrepancies between ELMS and GOLD™ to [del.wa@teachingstrategies.com](mailto:del.wa@teachingstrategies.com).
  - Archiving is now happening automatically in GOLD, the day after you exit the child in ELMS.
- User Name – GOLD™ usernames have been changed to FirstnameLastnameECEAP with no spaces or hyphens. Your passwords have not changed.
- Child Plus – If you use the Child Plus bridge to Teaching Strategies GOLD®, it is critical that all site, class, teacher, and child names in Child Plus match ELMS exactly and that ECEAP is marked as the Funding Source for these children. Otherwise, it is very time-consuming to include these children in statewide ECEAP reports.

### **New Contractor/Director Webinar**

The “New Contractor and / or New ECEAP Director Webinars” have been scheduled! We have invited ECEAP directors who are new to ECEAP this year or last year. Our first live webinar is:

- Monday, December 7, 2015.
- 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

The next webinars will be February 1 and April 1. These optional webinars will be recorded and available on the DEL website. The content will be topics and trends sent in by new directors as well as information from DEL. During the webinars, you can ask questions of DEL, other new directors, and a few volunteer experienced ECEAP directors. Please email Tracie Kenny at [tracie.kenney@del.wa.gov](mailto:tracie.kenney@del.wa.gov) if you would like to join this group.

### **Coaching**

Monthly Coach Webinars are required for all coaches working with ECEAP funded sites. The next Coach Webinar will be:

- Thursday, December 3, 2015.
- 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

This month, the topic is the WELS system. DEL staff will answer technical assistance questions and explain requirements and tips for success entering data into WELS. All current coaches should have received the invite for this webinar already. If not, please contact Kelli at [kelli.deboer@del.wa.gov](mailto:kelli.deboer@del.wa.gov). This will be recorded for coaches to view at a later date if needed.

### **Families Moving Forward**

The Families Moving Forward one-day training of trainers is required for all contractors offering Full School Day ECEAP and is optional for contractors offering Part Day and Extended Day ECEAP. DEL is in the final stages of completing the curriculum, creating flash drives of materials, and finalizing the training.

Based on responses from contractors who let us know how many staff will participate, DEL is planning to train in five locations around the state in January. If you have not informed DEL of staff who will participate, contact Kerry at [Kerry.beymer@del.wa.gov](mailto:Kerry.beymer@del.wa.gov) so we have space for all interested participants. We will let you know training dates and locations in early December. If you have any further questions, s contact the Pre-K Specialist that works with your contract.

### **ECEAP Contractors Can Apply for Grants to Help Children Enroll in Health Coverage**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced \$32 million in available funds to support efforts to reach out to families with children eligible for Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and help get them covered. The funds will support activities aimed at alerting families to the availability of free or low-cost health coverage under Medicaid and CHIP, identifying children likely to be eligible, and assisting families with the application and renewal process. Proposals are due January 20, 2016. For more information, including application requirements, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280091>.

### **Photos to Share?**

Do you have ECEAP photos we could use in DEL publications? Please e-mail photos and signed release forms for all children and parents in the photos to [eceap@del.wa.gov](mailto:eceap@del.wa.gov). The photo release form is available at [www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/PhotoReleaseForm.doc](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/PhotoReleaseForm.doc).

## Training Opportunities

### Early Achievers Coach Framework Training

- December 3 – 4, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties – 401 N Young Street, Kennewick

Register at <https://www.regonline.com/coachframeworkDecember2015>. Participants arrange their own travel/accommodations and meals.

### ECERS 2-Day Training

- December 7 – 8, 2015, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The Landing at Northcut, 5001 25th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105

Register at <https://www.regonline.com/ECERS2daytraining>. Participants arrange their own travel/accommodations and meals.

### Pre-K CLASS Observation and Reliability Training

- December 8 – 9, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The Landing at Northcut, 5001 25th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105

This two-day in-depth training will help participants reliably code the CLASS dimensions in preschool classrooms. Register at <https://www.regonline.com/prekCLASSdecember>.

### WERA/OSPI Annual Conference

- December 9 – 11, 2015
- Hilton Seattle Airport Conference Center

Register at <https://www.regonline.com/weraconf31>. WERA brings together educational leaders, teachers, and researchers. Keynote Presenters include Pat Wasley, Chief Executive Officer, Teaching Channel and Timothy Shanahan, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois at Chicago.

### Pre-K CLASS Observation and Reliability Training

- December 15 – 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The Landing at Northcut – 5001 25th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105

Register at <https://www.regonline.com/prekCLASSdecember2015>. Participants will arrange their own travel/accommodations and meals.

## Resources

### Birth Through Eight State Policy Framework

The Alliance for Early Success and Child Trends recently revised a [framework of state policies](#) to support children during the critical birth through age 8 years, when their neurological and biological systems develop most rapidly. The revised emphasizes policy options related to health, family support, and learning.

### Choosing Parenting Curricula

Discover ways to strengthen partnerships with families in this compilation of evidenced-based parenting interventions for children ages birth to 5. The [Compendium](#) includes all the information to help you choose programs for parents to learn more about their child, reduce family stress, and deepen parent satisfaction.

### **Creating a Culture that Embraces Data**

This [interactive learning module](#) was designed to help Head Start and Early Head Start programs create an organizational culture that embraces the use of data to drive decisions. There are five interactive activities that can turn data, facts and numbers into useful and useable information that can help set priorities, inform practice and drive continuous improvement.

### **Development of Bullying Behaviors**

Child Trends released their [report](#) on Understanding and Addressing the Early Childhood Origins of Mean Behavior and Bullying: Resources for Practitioners. It examines behaviors in young children that appear related to later bullying and what buffers factors that may link to bullying.

### **Support Families Self-Sufficiency**

- The Workforce Board's *Where Are You Going?* career guide is hot off the press. Order free copies of the guide, which includes a career quiz, information on hundreds of in-demand occupations, job interview tips, and more, at <http://wtb.wa.gov/CareerGuide.asp>.
- Adults who lack a high school diploma have a second chance through [High School 21+](#), available at participating community colleges. This program turns life experience into credits toward a high school diploma and costs just \$25 per quarter.